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## **HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNEAU, AK NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY OCTOBER 2000**

Workers in the Juneau, Alaska, area averaged \$20.15 per hour during October 2000, according to a new survey released by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner Stanley P. Stephenson reported that white-collar workers averaged \$22.86 per hour. Blue-collar employees averaged \$19.14 per hour, while those in service occupations earned \$11.70 per hour. (See table 1.)

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) is part of a statistical program that will eventually integrate three separate surveys of wages and benefits into one comprehensive compensation program increasing the amount of wage data available. Data presented in this release are straight-time earnings for occupations in establishments employing 50 or more workers in private industry and State and local governments. The survey excludes agricultural establishments, private households, the self-employed, and the Federal Government. This NCS sampled 17 establishments in the Juneau area.

Among white-collar workers, those in executive, administrative, and managerial positions averaged \$32.68 per hour, and administrative support workers earned \$14.13. In the blue-collar occupations, precision production, craft, and repair workers made \$22.07 per hour. Occupational characteristics available show that private industry workers in Juneau earned \$13.31 per hour and state and local government employees averaged \$23.51. For full-time workers, earnings averaged \$20.95 per hour compared to \$9.98 per hour for part-timers.

### **Survey Availability**

Complete survey results are contained in the Juneau, Alaska National Compensation Survey October 2000 summary issued March 2001. While supplies last, single copies of the summary are available from the San Francisco Information Office by calling 415-975-4350. In addition, data contained in the summary are available on the Internet in both text and PDF formats at <http://stats.bls.gov/comhome.htm>. The survey table can also be obtained from the Bureau's fax-on-demand service in San Francisco by dialing 415-975-4567 and requesting document 9509.

National Compensation Survey, Juneau, AK, October 2000 (continued)

For personal assistance or further information on the National Compensation Survey as well as other Bureau programs, contact the San Francisco Economic Analysis & Information Office at 415-975-4350 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. pacific time.

Table 1-1. Summary: Mean hourly earnings(1) and weekly hours by selected characteristics, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Juneau, AK, October 2000

Occupation(3)	Total		Private industry		State and local government	
	Mean	Relative error3 (percent)	Mean	Relative error2 (percent)	Mean	Relative error2 (percent)
Total.....	\$20.15	9.7	\$13.31	10.8	\$23.51	7.8
Worker characteristics:(3)						
White-collar occupations(4).....	22.86	9.0	14.84	15.4	24.63	8.7
Professional specialty and technical.....	25.37	8.9	-	-	26.91	7.9
Executive, administrative, and managerial.....	32.68	11.0	-	-	-	-
Sales.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative support.....	14.13	7.6	10.69	25.3	15.31	4.0
Blue-collar occupations(4).....	19.14	3.6	18.60	6.3	-	-
Precision production, craft, and repair.....	22.07	2.3	-	-	-	-
Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transportation and material moving.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service occupations(4).....	11.70	10.0	-	-	15.65	7.5
Full time.....	20.95	8.6	14.28	8.6	23.76	8.0
Part time.....	9.98	21.8	8.35	24.3	14.66	11.6
Union.....	23.03	8.0	-	-	23.44	8.5
Nonunion.....	14.48	14.5	12.44	10.2	24.18	11.1
Time.....	20.13	9.7	13.17	10.5	23.51	7.8
Incentive.....	-	-	-	-	-	-
Establishment characteristics:						
Goods producing.....	(5)	(5)	-	-	(5)	(5)
Service producing.....	(5)	(5)	-	-	(5)	(5)
50-99 workers(6).....	-	-	-	-	-	-
100-499 workers.....	16.21	18.1	14.61	19.1	-	-
500 workers or more.....	23.58	8.3	-	-	23.58	8.3

1 Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, and holidays; nonproduction bonuses; and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

2 The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A in Bulletin.

3 Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining. Wages of time workers are based solely on hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

4 A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B in bulletin for more information.

5 Classification of establishments into goods-producing and service-producing industries applies to private industry only.

6 Establishments classified with 50-99 workers may contain establishments with fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

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